

P-421, 414, 416/CP-93-11 ORDER EXTENDING TIME LINES

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Don Storm	Chair
Tom Burton	Commissioner
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In the Matter of a Petition for
Extended Area Service from St.
Peter to Mankato and North
Mankato

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 11, 1993 subscribers in the St. Peter exchange filed a petition for extended area service (EAS) to the Mankato and North Mankato exchanges. St. Peter is served by U.S. WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST); Mankato and North Mankato are served by Mankato Citizens Telephone Company (Mankato Citizens). On July 23, 1993 the Commission issued an Order requiring the companies to file cost studies and proposed rates and requiring the Department of Public Service (the Department) to file a report and recommendation on the companies' filings. The companies' filings were due on September 21, 1993.

On September 20, 1993 Mankato Citizens filed a request for an extension of time to file its cost study and proposed rates. The Company stated it had been unable to complete its filing within the allotted time due to a technical disagreement, now resolved, between itself and U S WEST. U S WEST, too, had been unable to make a complete filing and had filed cost figures without proposed rates.

No party opposed the request, which came before the Commission on October 12, 1993.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the Company's request is reasonable and should be granted. The reasons for requesting an extension are sound. No party opposes the request. Neither the public interest nor any party's interests will be prejudiced by the

delay. The Commission will therefore grant both companies 30 days from the date of this Order to file cost studies and proposed rates.

As before, the Department's report and recommendation will be due 45 days from the companies' filings. Other parties' comments on the Department's report will be due within 20 days thereafter.

ORDER

1. Mankato Citizens Telephone Company and U S WEST Communications, Inc. are granted a time extension of 30 days from the date of this Order to file cost studies and proposed rates.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Susan Mackenzie
Acting Executive Secretary

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